

Remarks

The specification is being amended to insert a paragraph at the beginning of the application setting forth the entire genealogy of this continuation application and the claims for domestic and foreign priority for each of the applications. The specification is also being amended on page 6 to remove "or about" from the expression "on or about April 24, 1997" in the places that expression appears. The specification is also being amended on pages 6-7 to update the address for the BCCM and to add two sentences concerning the removal of restrictions on the availability to the public of the deposited material (except as permitted by the CFR and MPEP) and replacement of the deposits under certain circumstances. These changes are similar to those made in the parent application (Serial No. 09/446,259, filed December 20, 1999), and none of them introduces any impermissible new matter.

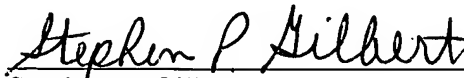
The claims are being amended to make them similar to those substantively examined in the parent application before the subject matter of claim 70 of that application was incorporated into claim 56 of that application, which amended claim has been allowed and for which the issue fee has been paid. Applicants believe they are entitled to the broader scope of initial claim 56 of the parent application. The amended claims include definitions of several terms (e.g., "MDA-modified LDL" and "BCCM").

Applicants are transmitting herewith a copy of DECLARATION ON BEHALF OF ASSIGNEE CONCERNING DEPOSIT OF MICROORGANISMS, which was filed in the parent application in response to one of the Examiner's concerns.

Applicants are also transmitting herewith a copy of the substitute inventors' declaration, filed in the parent application in response to another of the Examiner's concerns.

Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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